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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

FROM:
Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - August 1985

I. GENERAL

A. For the first time this year U.S. military installations on Okinawa were placed in typhoon condition one emergency on 21 August as typhoon Nelson threatened the island. Heavy rains, rather than strong winds, were the primary result. Operations continued normally, and the ROSET dish did not have to be stored. Three typhoons or tropical storms within about ten days in mid-month brought nonstop rain, including twelve inches on 13 August, when even main Highway 58 was blocked briefly in one direction by heavy runoff near the end of the Kadena airstrip. Thousands of travelers were stranded in Naha.

B. On 5 August the Japanese Government announced that henceforth it intends to conclude 20-year lease agreements for land used for U.S. military bases on Okinawa. Previously the government had negotiated 5-year agreements with local landowners. The current agreement expires in 1986. The 20-year plan has provoked a strong reaction from those opposed to the U.S. presence here. The timing of the government announcement was probably related to the fact that the governor of Okinawa Prefecture, who is as well disposed to the U.S. military presence here as one can hope for on Okinawa, must stand for election in 1986. The governor and the government in Tokyo probably hope the whole base land issue will have been settled and the reaction to it will have subsided long before the election.

C. The bureau chief and Regional Engineer called on Yomitan Mayor Tokushin Yamauchi on 5 August to inform him of our plans to continue to replace antenna poles over the next two years; this will involve some minor roadbuilding to provide access. The mayor seemed pleased to be informed of FBIS plans, and accepted an invitation to visit the bureau, which he has not done for some three years.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Present and past Japanese tragedies stimulated considerable

monitoring activity during August. On the 12th history's worst single-airliner disaster occurred when Japan Airlines Flight 123 from Tokyo to Osaka crashed killing 520 and leaving only four survivors. NHK television provided unscheduled coverage for days, requiring an open watch by the Japanese/Korean team. The 40th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings, the Japanese surrender ending World War II, and a controversial visit to Japan's main war memorial by Prime Minister Nakasone also generated unusual volumes of copy.

2. A major change in PRC satellite television broadcasting occurred on 1 August, when Beijing began regular C-band transmissions on the 57 East Intelsat. The PRC plans to launch its own permanent communications satellites sometime within the next two years. Reception of the 57 East transmissions on Okinawa is good in contrast to the PRC's experimental 125 East satellite, which continues to be used evenings for central programming but has lost power and picture quality markedly, suggesting its useful life will soon end. (AVIATION WEEKLY indicated the 125 East launched in April 1984 was only expected to operate for one month.) The bureau also was able to confirm Beijing relays on the 57 East of major international soccer games, including from the USSR. Several Beijing radio and Xinhua items noted PRC plans for a nationwide satellite TV system within the next two years, relying apparently on mostly C-band transmissions and using both Chinese and Japanese ground equipment.

3. Beginning 1 September, the bureau has been providing overnight contingency coverage of Korea for Seoul Bureau which has ceased to staff Korean monitors and communicators on a midnight shift. A phone alert to Okinawa will trigger the Korean coverage. During August the bureau began printing all three main daily KCNA English casts after Seoul's reception worsened following changes in the transmission schedule.

STAT 4. Chief Editor [] hosted a working Sunday coffee on 4 August for all editors and associate editors to review operating procedures, requirements, selection, and inter-bureau coordination following the completion of the summer editorial changeover in late July. ✓

B. Coverage

1. Okinawa took primary coverage from Hong Kong of BEIJING REVIEW in English after it was established that Okinawa receives its copy several days earlier.

2. The elusive, clandestine, Soviet-sponsored and anti-Dengist "Ba Yi Radio" in Mandarin that had been unheard for more than one month reappeared on 29 August and was again placed on coverage, although its broadcast pattern remains unclear.

C. Cruising

STAT 1. Staff Regional Cruiser [] was absent the entire month, STAT training on the Bangkok double-dish ROSET equipment at S&T Research, Newington, Va., along with Bangkok engineer [] rated the training excellent and now feels comfortable with his assignment to operate the Bangkok ROSET at year-end.

2. Major cruising finds in August included a new, unannounced satellite at approximately 128 degrees East that very likely is another Soviet Raduga bird. Another find was a new Hanoi international service in English for Chinese listeners, heard on different transmitters than those announced by Hanoi. Updated Seoul and Hanoi international service schedules provided significant changes in programming.

3. Efforts to locate and identify new satellite press facsimile transmissions of the PRC's CHINA DAILY were inconclusive for lack of equipment, promised to arrive at Okinawa by October. Japan itself will have an international satellite edition of the ASAHI SHIMBUN in early 1986, but this appears unmonitorable by FBIS because of planned use of high-speed data circuits. The new edition will be published in London, in Japanese, combining morning and evening editions. ✓

D. Lateral Services

Chief Editor [] visited the Asian Studies Detachment of the 500th Military Intelligence Group, Camp Zama, on 13-14 August to resolve problems concerning the supply of videotapes. He received a full tour of the facility and arranged for MOD servicing except in the case of the best-seller "I Serve the Soviet Union," also supplied locally to the 6990th ESG, Kadena.

III. ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS

1. Admin Officer [] and Bureau Engineer [] met on 27 August with representatives of the Corps of Engineers and of the architecture and engineering firm, Pan Asia, to discuss the bureau's housing recapitalization program. Pan Asia will provide designs for new housing units as well as plans for renovations. Actual construction is to begin in FY 1986. Logistics Officer [] was designated focal point officer for the housing recapitalization program.

2. Personnel departures in August included Chinese monitor [] who resigned on 17 August, one year short of his retirement eligibility to emigrate to the United States; Russian trainee-monitor [] also on 17 August, who returned to Australia; and dependents [] all off on 14 August to colleges in Virginia.

3. The Okinawa DODDS permitted all new FBIS students to enroll in school on a space-available basis in late August. The space-available school enrollment problem will increase next year as more U.S. Marine dependents arrive on Okinawa.

IV. ENGINEERING

1. The Corps of Engineers has awarded the contract for extending the operations building in the Main Radio-ROSET section as previously approved.

2. Most of the Sony equipment ordered for MOD's new Television Center and some of that for the bureau was received and MOD was notified of imminent shipment.

V. VISITORS

To the bureau:

STAT New DOD Special Representative for Okinawa Charles Gibson, and assistant Ms. Deborrah Henne, on 6 August for bureau orientation; Tokyo Embassy communications specialist, 10-24 August, for training purposes; Lt. Col. John T. Toner, PAO, 313th Air Division Kadena, and deputy Capt. Alan K. Peissig, on 19 August for bureau orientation; [] deputy chief, Analysis Group Research Branch, 23-28 August, for orientation and discussions on bureau contributions to PRC materials, commentary lists; and Ray Mincey, Okinawa Corps of Engineers representative, on 30 August for discussions on the FBIS housing recap program.

From the bureau:

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STAT Bureau chief and regional engineer to Torii Station and Hanza for operations briefing, 1 August; bureau chief and regional engineer to Yomitan Mayor Tokushin Yamauchi, on 5 August for courtesy call and antenna field planning coordination; [] TDY to Headquarters ROSET training, 4-28 August and annual leave; Tagalog/Chinese monitor-trainee [] TDY to Hong Kong Bureau 2 August to 2 September, as replacement for HK Tagalog monitor during leave; chief editor [] to 500th MI Group, Camp Zama, 13-14 August, for coordination; bureau chief and deputy chief and their wives, to Hanza Naval Security Group, on 7 August for ribbon-cutting of "Lancer" remote facility, and on 30 August for change of command ceremony at which Capt. John A. Moore replaced Capt. Dan Currie; bureau chief and deputy chief for courtesy calls--9 August to Col Walter Cressler, CO, U.S. Army Field Station Okinawa, and on 13 August to Col. Robert Dietrich, chief of staff, Headquarters, Commanding General, USMC Base Camp Butler; and Logs Officer Susan Titus, to Bangkok Bureau 15-27 August, to assist in completing property records for annual dollar value reporting.

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Chief, Okinawa Bureau

Attachment:
Engineering Report

Attachment
Monthly Report, Okinawa Bureau
August 1985

ENGINEERING

EQUIPMENT RECEIVED:

Toshiba Monitor/TV Model 159X4M,
SN 81311161, 9931191.

JVC Monitor/TV Model 7755 GB (E),
SN 06038998, 06039013, 06039169,
07039904.

Sony Video Cassette Recorder Model
5600, SN 46030.

Sony Video Cassette Recorder Model
5630, SN 45775, 53181, 53192.

Sanyo Dual Cassette Recorder Model
C-35, SN 42423146.

Simulator, Satellite Signal, Newton
Electronics Model GBS-2600, SN 5726005.

EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED:

None.

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 1,107,580
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 469,780
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 3,248

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	18,845 min.	39,860 min.	176.02 issues

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
 English

2,280

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	340
Beijing International Service to North America in English	410
Beijing International Service in Japanese	470
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	750
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	4,480
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	6,420
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	18,410
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,070
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,310
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	7,400
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	9,460
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	6,630
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	9,290

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		429,610	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		152,420	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			2,500
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			17,830
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			650
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			10,600
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			1,950
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			3,170
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			70

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in
Chinese

JAPAN

Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	10,450		
Tokyo JPS in English		1,820	
Tokyo KYODO in English		116,350	
Tokyo JIJI in English		9,250	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,150
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			16,220
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			5,910
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			4,970

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese		4,160
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese		10,140
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese		810
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English		9,390
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English		26,160
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese		---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese		4,370
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese		850
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese		---
KOREA (NORTH)		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		2,460
MONGOLIA		
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		6,080
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		1,980
TAIWAN		
Taipei International Service in English	3,460	
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	2,330	
Taipei CNA in English		26,120
Taipei CHINA POST in English		3,550
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese		---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese		290
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese		4,680
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese		1,280
Taipei LIEN HO YUEH KAN in Chinese		---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese		---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	8,320		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	3,750		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	2,340		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	---		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	570		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	14,900		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	22,530		
Hanoi VNA in English		84,420	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		---	